

REMARKS

This Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination of the present application. This Amendment is responsive to the final Office Action mailed July 27, 2004.

Claims 12-39 stand allowed.

Claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite with respect to the phrase “predetermined duration”. The Examiner commented that it is unclear whether such claim refers to the first, second, or an entirely new duration. Applicant believes that the meaning of claim 3 is clear as written. Sub-paragraph a) of claim 3 recites the term “first predetermined time”. Sub-paragraph b) of claim 3 recites the term “second predetermined time” and explains that the “second predetermined time” is delayed beyond the “first predetermined time” by a delay. Sub-paragraph b) of claim 3 also states that the row enable signal is applied for a “predetermined duration”. Applicant believes that those skilled in the art understand that the phrases “first predetermined time” and “second predetermined time” are understood to refer to relative points in time, whereas the term “predetermined duration” is understood to refer to a length of time. For example, a television show might start at a first predetermined time (e.g., 7:00 pm), end at a second predetermined time (7:30 pm), and have a predetermined duration of thirty minutes. Accordingly, Applicant submits that claim 3 is sufficiently definite to comply with Section 112, second paragraph.

Claims 4-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite with respect to the phrase “display line timing signal”. The Examiner indicated that it was not clear whether the phrase “display line timing signal” was referring to a row display line or a

column display line. Applicant has amended claim 4, and dependent claims 5-11 to clarify the meaning of the terms “display line timing signal”, “first plurality of delayed display line timing signals” and “second plurality of delayed display line timing signals” as relating to columns of the array. Applicant submits that, in view of the amendments made to claims 4-11, any indefiniteness which may have previously existed has been eliminated.

Claims 1-3 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as describing subject matter considered to be anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,628,273 (“Rindal”). Within the portion of the Office Action on page 4 entitled “Response to Arguments”, the Examiner noted that it was unclear whether each row has an independent row driver or whether, instead, each row is lead to a single, common row driver circuit. The Examiner made a similar comment with respect to the column driver circuitry.

Applicant has amended claims 1, 3 and 40 to more clearly recite that the row driver circuitry includes “a plurality of row drivers, each of the plurality of row drivers being coupled to at least one row of pixels”. Likewise, claims 1, 3 and 40 have been amended to recite that the column driver circuitry includes “a plurality of column drivers, each of the plurality of column drivers being coupled to at least one column of pixels”. Applicant submits that this amended language patentably distinguishes over the structure shown in the cited Rindal patent, which includes a single row driver and a single column driver.

Applicant originally considered an amendment that would have specified that the number of row drivers being equal in number to the number of rows in the array, and a similar specification of the number of column drivers. However, such limitations would not cover the

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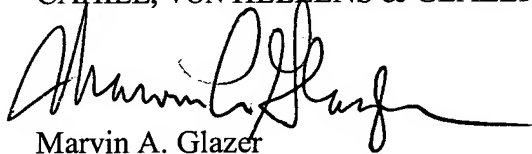
scenario wherein a given row driver is multiplexed to sequentially drive two or more rows.

Accordingly, Applicant has specified that there are a "plurality" (at least two) of row drivers, and a "plurality" (at least two) of column drivers, and Applicant submits that these limitations are sufficient to distinguish Applicant's invention from the cited patent to Rindal.

In view of the amendments to the claims, and the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is now in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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